

Overseas Ministries



Moscow Ring Road

“You will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

This past month God has really driven home the meaning of the above verse to both Dad and me, as we have travelled to some of our ministry sites. Dad and Laurie were in Zambia for a week, Josiah, my son, and I were in Moscow for a week, and while we were in Moscow, Dad and Laurie stopped over on their way to Zambia. It was so good to be able to meet with our chaplains and their families, to spend time supporting them as they deal with the loss of loved ones (each family has had a significant loss in the last year), to reminisce and to plan for future ministry. We were able to hear stories, meet drivers, and see God at work. We have returned tired and spent, but blessed beyond measure! God is good, and He loves truck drivers all throughout our world. In this issue of our newsletter you will hear the stories of some of these drivers, and more will follow in the coming months. Josiah is also working on a video to highlight the work in Russia, something that will be able to be post online for you to view, and that can also be shown to churches and meetings to help raise awareness and support for this vital ministry.

Since the last Overseas Newsletter, in the summer I am excited to share that we have reports of another **82** drivers who have given their lives to Christ in Brazil, Zambia and Russia. Praise the Lord, lives really are being transformed.

In the last few weeks I have been continuing to receive requests for ministry partnership. Just this week I have heard from people in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Australia. All of these contacts represent people who want assistance in reaching the trucking community of their country. The need is great, and we can't do this ministry alone. Thank you so much for partnering with us as we try to determine how we can be most effective in our ministry efforts. All new ministry sites must generate their own funding and be self-supporting, and we have a couple who are exploring that possibility now.

Please continue to pray for Chaplain Marcelo and our Brazilian Team as they begin reconstruction on their truck next month to prepare their own chapel. They are actively raising funds to support a full-time chaplain as well as continuing ministry at the Port.

Vital Ministry Need

I must share with you an urgent need in our ministry. Due to the changing economic climate of our countries and our donors, we are in urgent need of additional support of Overseas Ministries. For the first time in over 12 years we have had to make cuts to the funds that we send to both Russia and Zambia. Zambian funds are especially low, and unless things change the ministry there may face further cutbacks.

These decisions have not been made lightly, nor do we fail to realize the hardship this presents to the field staff. We have explored with our chaplains ways to help generate some in-country support, and as giving increases we will be able to again increase support to the ministry sites. We would ask you to please prayerfully consider whether you can increase your support, either as an increased regular donation or as a one-time gift. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Moscow, Russia

We met Ginnady (pictured right in striped shirt) our first day in the chapel in Moscow. When he entered the chapel he greeted Chaplains Alexander and Vladimir warmly; obviously they were very familiar with each other. He also brought gifts for us, as he heard we would be visiting. He had cheese and bread from his hometown in Ossetia, and a bottle of the "best spring water in the world." This water was the cargo that Ginnady trucked into Moscow every month. Ginnady was warm, gregarious, and happily sat to tell us his story. Chaplain Alexander told us that Ginnady spends 15 days a month at the truck stop where our chapel is located, distributing his load of water to smaller trucks, until he is finally empty, reloaded and able to return home. He does this every month and says the chapel is his church!

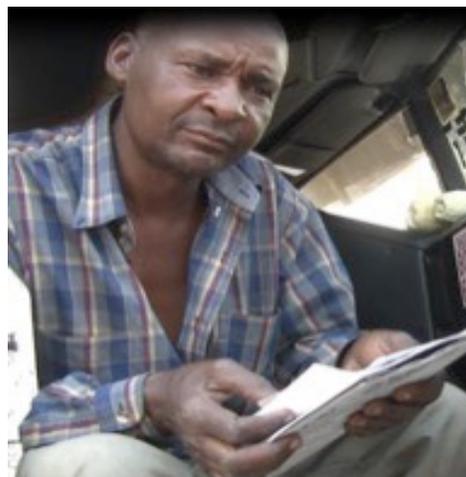


Ginnady has been coming to the chapel for 11 years - and yet he has not yet become a Christian. As we talked it turned out he knew his Bible - he said that was thanks to our chaplains. He told us that after coming to the chapel for six years, he brought his wife with him because she needed to hear what the chaplains message of God, and when she left she had become a Christian. Two years later he brought his daughter, with the same result. Then, after nine years of coming to the chapel, he brought his 88-year-old father with him for the 1600 km trip. He brought him because his father wasn't well, and he needed to hear the message of God before it was too late. His father, who is blind as a result of his trade in welding in a time when they only had poor quality masks, became a Christian, returned home and has become actively involved in his local church.

I finally asked Ginnady why he thought these other people needed God and yet he didn't. He told me that he knew he needed God, and that one day he would accept Him, but that he was not yet remorseful for his sins, and he didn't want to lie to God about wanting to change. This led to a long conversation, revealing that at the heart Ginnady feels unworthy of God's love because of his past acts. We talked, we prayed, Ginnady thanked us and left. He returned an hour later with another driver, who he said needed to hear the message of God. Later he returned with a third! I ask you to pray for Ginnady, one of the best not-yet-saved evangelists I've ever met. Please pray that he would finally accept God's free gift for himself.

Chirundu, Zambia

Chaplain David was excited to share all that is happening with our Zambian ministry. He has additional chaplain trainees and they are taking days off work so that he can go through the TFC Ministry Manual with them to prepare them. One of those trainees is Chaplain Kamboni, and he was excited to share about an encounter with a driver named John Chifoloman (pictured below). Driver John had just returned to work following a tragic accident where he and his friend Steve ended up both



unconscious in an overturned truck that was on fire. John says that he came to enough to free himself just as the cab burst into flames, ending up only with burns on his head and body, but that Steve died in the fire. John says he was haunted by this since that time. When Chaplain Kamboni shared the Good News of God's love and forgiveness with him, John eagerly accepted God into his heart, and attended service that Sunday. In service he asked to share a bit of his story, and the fact that since accepting Christ God had released him from the control of the fear and pain he had experienced since the accident!

Chaplains David, Peter and Joshua spent part of August visiting trucking companies and churches in the Kazungula area as well as Livingstone, recruiting volunteers to help continue the ministry, as well as finding new locations to share the Gospel. They again found a very open reception, and drivers just waiting to hear about God. Please pray for more volunteers to continue expanding our ministry in Africa. The men and women on the roads in Africa are very open to the Gospel, eager to hear about God's love, and quick to accept His forgiveness. More workers are needed !

Donation and Contact Information

If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation to help reach truck drivers and those who are part of the trucking community throughout our world, please make checks payable to Transport For Christ and mail to one of the following Transport For Christ addresses:

U.S. Office - PO Box 117, Marietta, PA 17547-0117

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